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Dear Margaret,

I have been very much on  
the move since I wrote last. Dr. Boeck  
and I went to Canton and spent  
several days there. It is warmer down  
south, and the camel's foot trees were  
full of <sup>(Bauhinia)</sup> orchid colored blossoms. The  
sapota was also in full bloom displaying  
a large vivid red flower. The agaves  
were just finishing their blooming season,  
but they have not begun up here.

In Shanghai Canton I met Dr. Li  
Ting-an, who was health officer of  
Shanghai when I was here before.  
I also saw Mr. James Henry whose  
family were so nice to Minnie Sawyer

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when she was at Lingnan, and Mr. Henry  
is now on UNRRA's staff.

He had intended to go on to one of  
the most devastated areas, Liuchow,  
and had arranged for a through  
plane to Chungking to stop there. But  
it rained and rained and the  
planes were unable to land. So  
we finally gave up and flew direct  
to Chungking. It is a remarkable  
city on a mountain between the  
Yangtze and a large tributary. It  
has about a million inhabitants.  
Beyond lie high mountains. The  
institutions, like the Institute of Health  
and the Malaria Laboratory assisted by  
the R.F., lie in and beyond these  
peaks. We drove out to them over a  
scenic highway with bomb-shelters

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cares at the side in the banks on the  
hillsides and picturesque fields of  
rice and broad beans and some  
wheat all around.

At Chungking we had many  
talks with Dr. P. Z. King, Director-General  
of the National Health Administration and  
an arranged conversation with the  
dynamic T.V. Soong. I also presented  
Dr. Ku's letter of introduction to the Dr. (Mrs.)  
Chiang Mon Lin, Secretary-General of the  
Executive Yuan, and to Dr. Franklin Ho,  
Vice-Minister of Economic Affairs.

We are now back in Shanghai  
and this evening we start for  
Kaifeng in the Yellow River area  
to see some of the problems connected  
(over)

with INRRA's great project to repair  
the break in the river banks and  
return the flow to its original  
channel. The break was made  
intentionally to delay the Japanese  
and now the flooded land is much  
needed for food production. It is a  
race against time, for the rains  
are on and in June the water will  
rise.

It looks now as though I  
might be asked to visit Korea,  
which would delay my return. Otherwise  
I shall plan to start back about  
April 15 by air.

I have your letters of Feb. 14 and 26 with  
enclosures. The fort is about well, thank you! Congratulate  
Tiger on the mouse. Best love to you & Ruth &  
Hortense & all the Carrolls.

Heilby